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1. IN JANUARY FIFTEEN MEETING WITH EMBOFF, GOSK DEPUTY DIRECTOR YELISEEV AGREED TO SIX SINGLES IN MOSCOW FOR ROY CLARK SHOW.
2. GOSK TOUR DIRECTOR FOR CLARK IS NIKOLAI IVANOVICH ONISOMOV, DESCRIBED BY YELISEEV AS "OUR MOST EXPERIENCED MAN." IN DISCUSSION WITH HIM HE IMPRESSED EMBOFF WITH HIS COMMAND OF DETAILS RE CLARK TOUR.
3. HOTELS ARE DAUJAVA IN RIGA (INDEPENDENT CHECK BY CULTURAL ASSISTANT IN LENINGRAD FOUND IT BETTER THAN RIGA, WHICH ORIGINALLY AGREED UPON,) EUROPA IN LENINGRAD (FAR SUPERIOR TO SOVETSKAYA ORIGINALLY AGREED UPON,) AND ROSSIA IN MOSCOW (ACCEPTABLE TO HARTMAN.)
4. PROPERTIES WILL TRAVEL BY TRAIN FROM MOSCOW JAN. 18, ARRIVING RIGA MIDDAY JANUARY NINETEEN.
5. PROGRAMS HAVE NOW BEEN RECEIVED BY HALL IN RIGA. COPIES

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POUCHED JANUARY EIGHTEEN UNDER REGSATRY #1622458.

6. ONISOMOV AWARE OF PROBLEMS CITED REFTTEL AND PROPOSES MOSCOW-WASHINGTON D.C.-NEW YORK (VIA SU 317 DEPARTING MOSOW ELEVEN TWENTY ARRIVING WASHINGTON D.C. SEVENTEEN FIFTEEN) AS ALTERNATIVE TO MOSCOW-NEW YORK. ADVISE.

7. ONISOMOV SAID ALL CARGO SPACE IS ALREADY BOOKED FOR PERIOD FEBRUARY THREE TO SIX AND FIRST AVAILABLE FLIGHT FOR PROPERTIES WILL BE FEBRUARY SEVEN. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT IT IMPERATIVE PROPERTIES RETURN ON FEBRUARY THREE AS CLARK WILL CONCERTIZE UPON HIS RETURN. ONISOMOV SAID ALL AIRLINES HAD BEEN CHECKED AND NOTHING WAS AVAILABLE. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT WITH GROUPS CONCURRENCE FOLLOWING SOLUTION MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. DURING ADVANCE VISIT HARTMAN INDICATED ROSSIA CONCERT HALL EQUIPMENT COULD BE USED IN PLACE MAJORITY OF CLARK'S UNNECESSARY ITEMS MIGHT BE AIRSHIPPED FROM LENINGRAD ON JANUARY TWENTY-SEVEN WITH REMAINDER CABIN LOADED WITH GROUP ON FEBRUARY THREE. ONISOMOV WILL CHECK CARGO SPACE AVAILABILITY FROM LENINGRAD AND EXTRA CABIN SPACE ON FEBRUARY THREE. IF GROUP AGREES, SPECIFIC ITEMS AND WEIGHTS CAN BE IDENTIFIED WHEN CLARK TRANSITS MOSCOW ON JANUARY EIGHTEEN. O ADVISE.  
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